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BISHOP OXNAM AND THE INFORMERS

Having ourselves been many times the victim of perjured witnesses, we may be permitted a feeling of gratification at the appearance of witnesses who now recant their perjury. According to Lawrence Emery's report in the National Guardian the the recanting witness, Harvey Matusow, names Louis Budenz, Elizabeth Bentley, Wittaker Chambers, and Paul Crouch as equally unreliable in their statements as paid informers for the government. The government is red in the face, but not from anger at these betrayers and bearers of false witness. As the editor of the Washington Post says:

> "The discovery that witnesses relied on by the government in proceedings against American citizens have been guilty of cynical and repeated perjury ought to have aroused anger and concern in the Attorney General of the U.S. Instead, it seems to have aroused in Herbert Brownell Jr. only irritation at the embarrassment inflicted on his department and a petulant defense of the system which produced this perjury."

We have been wondering just what is the moral difference between a person who, like a paid informer, boldly perjures himself on the witness stand and a person like Representative Clardy who spreads such scandal abroad to the harm of a fellow human being. For that matter, as between the harrassed half-crazy "informers" and Bishop Oxnam who, on the basis of similar scandal runs to the telephone to stab in the back a fellow Christian, we prefer the former.

RETURN TO REALITY

Our beloved associate editor, John Tunnicliffe, Vicar of Middleton, Warwick, England, has sent us a copy of "Return to Reality." It is the work of six most unusual clerics, a barrister and a professor of philosophy. It is edited by the Rev. Stanley G. Evans, editor of "Religion and the People", a monthly news-letter, and one of our editorial advisors. He contributes the first and last of these "essays on contemporary Christianity." Father Tunnicliffe comments on the ecumenical movement, and our friend and advisor, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, reflects the influence of the U.S.S.R. on Christian thought. John Lewis, the philosopher, analyses Kirkegaard and the crisis theologians. The Rev. Edward Charles, who is closely associated with Stanley Evans, deals with science and Christianity. Other chapters are entitled "The Hall-mark of Sharing", "Thinking on the Bible", "The Church and Social Thinking". The editor's opening and closing chapters are "The Flight from Reality", and "Morals and Immorals". Publishers are Zeno, 6 Denmark St., W.C.2, London, England. Price 21s.

A Work of Prophecy:

This is one of the most exciting books we have read in many years. We have no wish to write a blurb, being usually distressed by the use of superlatives which must be embarrassing to serious writers. Nevertheless we are constrained to say that this small book (300 pages) initiates and in large degree carries through a crucial work of prophecy for our times. It makes a sad meal for a Satan, that expert in all the various paths of flight from reality who under the name of God is worshipped so widely today.

For one thing, here is a handbook for those who have been irritated beyond measure by the Barths, Brunners and Niebuhrs, those arrogant theologians who, through reiteration and improper use of the Bible, have shut God off from man with their so-called neo-orthodoxy, cynically and satanically hurling poison darts at the children of men who are painfully pushing their way out of an age-long misery onto a plateau of the abundant life.

Even in the fantasis through which men seek to escape reality they huddle under the symbols which formerly pointed to reality. This is their back-handed tribute to true prophecy. Thus Reinhold Niebuhr's message, a message comforting to the enemies of mankind, is replete with passages which sound truly Biblical and realistic. The rich man, however, soon stops squirming in his pew as he realizes that Niebuhr is only teasing and, after numerous double somersaults, is bound to come down on his side of the argument.

Easy Pessimism:

Every contributer in this book is devastating in his criticism of the view that would turn the Christian's face away from the world, and from his duty to incarnate God in his world, which is what the return to reality really means. These essays will be charged with an "easy optimism". That is one of the poison darts. There is nothing easy about this optimism. It is the pessimism that is easy, for it is the pessimism which is subsidized by rich men for the simple reason that it cuts the nerve of revolution.

Religion's Paper Tiger:

In later issues we hope to deal in turn with the various contributions to this remarkable book. Briefly here we shall touch on but one point in Father Tunnicliffe's valuable piece on the Ecumenical Movement.

"By accepting the challenge of a world in desparate need the Churches which are most deeply concerned with the Ecumenical Movement can, by rethought, by redefinition and by reinterpritation contribute to the synthesis without which their message is doomed," says Father Tunnicliffe, and continues, "The necessary presupposition is that these Churches will so seek God's Kingdom 'on earth as it is in heaven' that by their compassionate activities they will fully witness to the total Gospel of God."

"Rethought", "Redifinition", "Reinterpretation". A big order. Much of it is filled right here in this book. But we doubt that the Ecumenical Movement as at present constituted, this particular Rockefeller - sponsored Ecumenical Movement, will go along with such rethinking or with the "necessary presupposition" that follows.

For all Father Tunnicliffe's gentle diction, his documentation of ecumenical obliquity is damning enough. The Churches involved in this Ecumenical Movement, and the Movement itself, are so situated that their physical existence would be threatened if they should attempt seriously to meet Father Tunnicliffe's requirements.

Be Not Party to a Fraud:

Our answer has been to come out from among them. This may seem impractical, but we believe strongly that it is the only practical answer. This particular Ecumenical Movement is vitiated at its root where it draws sustenance from the beneficiarie of the status quo. At the centre of the movement stands The Union Theological Siminary, whose president VanDusen openly venerates the middle classes, whose Dulles has led the churches astray so often, whose Luce openly hails the American Century of world domination, whose Niebuhr smokescreens the whole imperialist operation with pious double-talk.

Those who would oppose this aggregation must stay no longer in their midst. To stay there is to countenance their misdoing. And that misdoing continues at this moment.

If ever there was a challange to the God in us it is in the present wanton invasion of China by the United States of America. Not a shadow of right falls on this shameful action. Yet the churches who claim to speak out for God are silent. At Toronto in 1950 they were vocal enough in support of the U.S. - "U.N." attack on Korea. Today when their erstwhile spiritual adviser Dulles moves over the world scene triggering war as he goes these men of the Church sit silently and bow their heads and "pray for peace". They pray to Satan and they really pray for war.

Come out from among them --- by this we do not mean that the Dean should leave Canterbury or that Putterill should leave Thaxted. On the contrary. Their duty is with the churches, to lead their people into a true confrontation with reality. Thei duty is also with their colleagues, to persuade them to take a creative role in the work of world peace, and, if necessary, to expose those who fear to expose themselves. Let no one be permitted to hide himself in a fog of pietism or in a fraudulent "quiet time" or in the thousand and one quackeries and "philosophies" provided for those who

wish to vanish when threatened by a straight glance from the eyes of that communist Saint Stephen or from the eyes of his dead rebel leader. Dead? How they wish He would die and let them be!

But he will not die, for his truth is still true. And, horror of horrors, that truth is proving itself in the communal life of vast areas of the earth!

So what to do? Did they not do this rebel proud when in great councils they made him the second Person in the Trinity? But he forever refuses to be banished from his world. So he walks down from that high place and lies in a ditch in Korea, or in a dungeon in Madrid or somewhere else that is lost and forgotten and shameful. And he walks into those places where church dignitaries confer with chancelleries and departments of state and curses their occupants in rough Biblical language.

First they had him "disposed of".

Then, they disposed of him by kicking him upstairs, off the earth, out of the way.

Now, must they once more have him "disposed of?" Ah yes, friends that is the meaning of the Crusade against atheistic communism. It would be hard to crucify 800 million, but it can be done. It must be done!

That is the meaning of the propaganda machine into which our whole Western commercial culture has turned itself, bull-dozing our people to hate and to war, a machine of which the churches of the Ecumenical Movement are part and parcel. Of their part in this machine thousand of ministers are innocent. Many more are led into temptation without being fully aware of it. Still more are restless and irritable in the contradictory situation in which they find themselves. But the leaders know what they are doing. They have sold their manhood for a mess of security.

Why did not the Hungarians leave the World Council at Toronto when the Chinese left? Why does Dr. Hromadka stay in the World Council today? We are not Christian "statesmen". Perhaps there is a reason. But we cannot see it. Is Christ in the World Council? If he could gain access to a meeting of its executive what would he say to it? What would he say of its tacit approval of German re-armament? What of its equivocal position on the instruments of mass destruction? What acid test would he apply to its professions of racial and class brotherhood? What specifically would he say to its men of great wealth? Would he be as brutal as in New Testament days? Or would he have mellowed with the centuries?

The answer is: he has not mellowed, he has sharpened through the centuries, he has hardened. And he would never get through theouter portals of the World Council committee room. The world council did not rise out of the people or out of a popular movement. It was contrived top-down and is a thoroughly artificial product, a paper contraption, temporarily "sold" by high- pressure sales organizations to churches which accept it from lack of anything else with which to occupy themselves, because it is "being done". It is a make-shift propaganda device and no vocabulary of sanctification can give it dignity.

Those who stay with the movement are assisting in the perpetration of a fraud. We call for a new Christianity, releasing the tension between humanismand theism, truly biblical, universal and scientific. And we could not ask for better material with which to prepare for this new Christianity than these essays. We shall, if permitted, quote from them at length in future issues of this publication. Meanwhile we may close this notice which does not pretend to be a review, with the final passage of Stanley Evans' closing Chapter:

"While the Church is financially integrated with a decadent and dying order, it will be bound to wield an immutable morality against those who wish to change the immoral order. But immorality is not eternal. An evil order gives birth to evil manners and evil morals. Together they will one day disappear from history. "When riches were done away with," said St. Chrysostom, "wickedness also disappeared."

OPEN LETTER
TO LESTER PEARSON
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

Dear Mr. Pearson,-

When we find ourselves in the vehicle of a friend who has become temporarily deranged and is driving straight for the edge of a precipice, it would be wise to open the door on our side of the car and jump out, risking a bad fall, rather than continue with him on his way to disaster.

Canada has been manouvered by the US into a policy omnibus marked the Cause of the Free World in whose back seats crowd all the ghosts of the recent Age of Horror, the revived Nazi generals jostling Franco and Syngman Rhee, Bao Dai, Trujillo, Chiang Kai-shek and the rest, while the cartel lawyer Dulles, in the driver's seat, vocalizes on the words - honour, peace, freedom, hope, conscience.

Granted this is at times a mad world, but here is madness in a scale which promises to engulf the West in the very ruin it hopes to escape.

The US obviously expects Canada to remain an ally (or loyal satellite) while the US commits the international high crime of armed aggression against China.

Without the consent or approval of the United Nations, without a rag of moral right to cover her naked assault, under no law, except that of the jungle, the US has physically thrust herself upon a part of China, the island of Taiwan, where she actively aids the expelled ex-president Chiang Kai-shek in his open use of that island as a base for attacking the mainland. Thus the US is keeping open in the side of China a wound which in the normal course of events would long since have healed.

Whether or not American war planes scout for marauding Kuomintang gunboats (as admitted by Admiral Stump) or carry spies and saboteurs to the Chinese coast, there can be no shadow of doubt that US armed forces are in Taiwan and that the US Seventh Fleet patrols the waters of China. For Taiwan, on the American premise, is Chinese territory. The US recognizes the Kuomintang (the government of Chiang Kai-shek) as the government which truly represents the 600 million Chinese people, the government which sits as their representative in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Taiwan was given back to China by the Cairo declaration signed by Britain and the US at a time when Chiang Kai-shek was in fact the head of the Chinese government. There was nothing hypothetical or contingent in the Cairo declaration. It was made in good faith and the return of Taiwan was not promised to Chiang Kai-shek personally but to China. There was nothing in the Potsdam declaration nor in the Agreement of the Surrender of Japan to modify or abrogate the Cairo Declaration.

The presence of the US in Taiwan today is due to the fact that the US cannot accept the consequences of the revolution which drove Chiang Kai-shek from power. Yet he has been driven from power and it is as certain as such things can be that he will not be returned to power. Yet that can be the only possible object of the US in supporting his regime in Taiwan.

We shall not speek here of the methods by which this regime was established and is maintained over the helpless people of that island, since there is no need of adding heat to a situation already on fire with the probability of world war.

Always mankind is surprized when world war comes. It cannot be, we say, our statesmen are too sensible and compassionate to allow it to be. Then, suddenly, it is! And it is too late to say or do anything about it. Looking forward to an atomic war, however, even the humblest among us is constrained to raise his voice, however feeble, in an attempt to stop it or at least in some measure to control it.

Sometimes it would seem to many of us that Canada only achieved her independence from Britain to become a dependent of the US. Yet, from time to time, you, sir, have shown an admirable tendency to take an independent line. Each time this happened you may be assured the people of Canada were behind you.

Our Prime Minister is reported to have said that we can do nothing without the US or against their wishes. But, largely true though that may be, are there not things that, without the US and indeed against their wishes, we can refuse to do? We can refuse to countenance the present activities of the US in China waters. We can bring our considerable moral influence to bear in the United Nations against these activities. We can do this immediately so that there may be no doubt in the world as to our attitude.

It is a matter of the utmost urgency. It is a matter of moral right and of the maintenance of international law.

When the US first interfered in the Chinese civil war on the side of the Kuomintang, Canada stayed out. Now when the US refuses the verdict of history and wishes to interfere again, indeed is already interfering, let Canada still stay out.

China has made a solemn declaration on the subject: "We solemnly proclaim to the whole world: Taiwan is China's territory. The Chinese people are determined to liberate Taiwan."

This is unequivocal. There can be no doubt that it means exactly what it says. Therefore it confronts the world with an impasse, a head-on collision between 600 million people who believe they are in the right and an atomic power which would frustrate that right. And further, most certainly, this impasse concerns the other atomic power, the USSR, whose recent hardening of mood may not be unrelated to these events.

The precipice of war, atomic war, yawns before us. Let Canada move quickly to remove any doubt as to her position in this struggle.

Taiwan belongs to China, not to the US. If Chiang Kai-shek can hold it, very well, let him hold it. But let Canada urge the US to move out of Chinese waters and let the Chinese settle these things for themselves.

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NEW CHRISTIAN

We have been told there is a paper put out in Los Angeles called "ONE", evidently started a few months before we took this title. There is no similarity in content, yet, since most of our subscribers are in the USA, many in the Los Angeles area, we have decided to use from now on the first two words of our publishing title, New Christian Books.

A word about "New". Revivalists, as well as sophisticated theologians, forever speak of a new-ness or freshness of life as characterizing a person converted from self-centered living to God-centered living. However, because the heart of the Gospel has been removed, namely its communal life, most converts appear to remain as self-centered after conversion as before, some even more so. Under the glacial influence of the long encroachment of a commercial culture our convert has been aborted into the deep freeze of a false sacramentalism.

This culture is breaking up in a world-wide revolution, fired, in its deepest bowels, by a true sacramentalism, as yet unacknowledged and unrecognized.

It is our job, through bringing about such recognition, but first through restoring the communal heart of the Gospel, to help make Communist Christians and Christian Communists.

WAR UNDER WAY

by Louise Harding

Chiang Attack on Foochow:

Amid all the doubletalk of how U.S. support of the usurper, Chiang Kaishek, on China's island of Taiwan makes for peace, people should be made to understand that war now actually is under way. Photographs have reached this country - although not reproduced of course, in the big-money press - of the conditions of Foochow, on the China mainland, after the Jan. 20th attack on the city made by U.S. planes donated to Chiang, and from bases protected by U.S. Navy. One cut shows the streets strewn with wreckage; another the firefighters striving to put out blazes from incendiary bombs.

Knowland Tells Us How to Get "Peace":

This person - who, only a very short time ago, was featured in the press as urging "War - NOW!", Says, according to S.F. Examiner of Feb. 19th, front-page article, that the best road to peace in the Pacific is a flat American ultimatum that Quemoy, Matsu, and other strategic offshore islands will be defended with whatever force is necessary.

Knowland again delibertely perverted truth by trying to compare the efforts of India and "certain European powers" toward peace, with what happened at Munich - Munich where, as everybody not imbecilic knows, a conspiracy was entered into, by the countries of Monopoly Capital, to help Adolf Hitler, under the delusion that he would turn his steps toward the East; i.e., against Communism. Knowland, again wants to pursue the selfsame course: it is he who is the Munich er.

He alleges the Chinese Communists are arrogant in wanting the so-called Security Council to take up the Soviet Union resolution condemning the United States for its attitude on Formosa. Condemn the rich U.S.A? How preposterous!

On the "Meet the Press" radio program, Feb. 20th, Val Peterson was telling what could be done to preserve civilians from Atomic Fall-Out: he admitted flatly that America "is not ready" to make such defense. Said he, "The problem is evacuation - dig, die, or get out." He wants slight shelters set up in folks' back yards. What tommyrot! It is stated, concerning the comparatively-small explosions to be set off at Yucca Flats presently, that the steel towers will be entirely consumed. As to evacuation, since it is admitted that a sufficient time cannot by any means be promised for a place of relative safety to be reached - what are people going to do? Shall they take those "slight shelters" along with them? Peterson again:

"If the enemy bombed 92 leading cities, he said 70 million Americans would be killed, but it would destroy only 3 per cent of the real estate - America wouldn't be gone."

Now isn't that reassuring, Mr. Peterson! --"Said my old uncle Dan, a good man and stiddy, What's the world (or real estate) to a man, when his wife is a widdy?"

Judging Others By Themselves:

On this same radio program spoke up a very reactionary reporter, a Miss May Craig, and said, in effect, We know that the "enemy" wants to capture our industries, merely killing off the population; so, why isn't it reasonable to think biological warfare will be resorted to? Why not indeed! concurred Mr. Peterson.

"People's China", of Dec. 1, 1952, carried an article by Yeh Chou; on "The Damning Evidence of U.S. Germ War". It starts off:

"On January 27, 1952 - soon after the American armed forces began their bacteriological warfare in Korea - the U.S. army paper Stars and Stripes carried a story on its front page headlined "Germs, Gas Seen Cheapest War Weapons." A

photostat copy of this paper is now one of the five hundred documents, photographs and specimens shown in the Peking Exhibition on Bacteriological War Crimes Committed by the Government of the United States of America.

One of the documents dates back to 1946. On January 4th of that year, George W. Merck, former chairman of the Biological Warfare Committee of the U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Service, submitted a report on American bacteriological warfare research to the then Secretary of War Patterson. The report was withdrawn shortly after its release, because it shocked decent public opinion Keesing's Contemporary Archives of Feb. 2-9, 1946, writes the following:

> Mr. Merck's report stated that systematic study of germ warfare started in the U.S.A. towards the end of 1941, the committee being set up by the National Academy of Sciences on the direction of the Secretary of War. Two months after Pearl Harbour, the committee reported that biological warfare was feasible.

The reason why the American generals prefer germ warfare was cold-bloodedly explained by a United Press dispatch from Washington which Stars and Stripes headlined "Germs, Gas Seen Cheapest War Weapon." The story read:

> Germs, gas and radioactive materials may prove the cheapest weapons for subduing an enemy, a top army expert said yesterday. Brig.Gen. William M. Creasy, Chief of the Army Chemical Corps Research Cmd., said the U.S. now has "under development" weapons which may make it possible to "reduce an enemy's ability to resist" at a smaller "logistical cost" than any other type of warfare. Creasy explained that weapons carrying disease germs, poison gas or radioactive materials could make it possible to defeat any enemy "without destruction of his economy." (Italics added.)

The Yeh Chou article continues:

> "Other documents and photographs at the exhibition reveal the close collaboration between the U.S. army and former Hitlerite germ experts and the Japanese germ war criminals Ishii, Wakamatsu and Kitano. A Reuter dispatch of Dec. 9, 1951 revealed that Ridgway had sent Ishii, Wakamatsu and Kitano to Korea. The date of these sinister figures is significant, because it was shortly afterwards that germ war was launched by the United States in Korea."

The article mentions that Ishii, "the leading Japanese ideologist of bacterial warfare", and Wakamatsu "figured prominently in the trial of Japanese germ war criminals for using germ weapons on Soviet and Chinese citizens by a Soviet military court in 1949"

Miss May Craig, is of course, perfectly familiar with the fact that it was a U.S. officer who advocated the criminal course of using germ warfare to defeat an enemy "without destruction of his economy". She deliberately twisted this to make it seem the policy of the victims, the Chinese.

U.S. has intimidated various U.S. officers who served in Korea, into retracting their affidavits that they knew germ warfare was perpetrated by the United States. But there is the damning fact that, while these affidavits mentioned sundry other officers who commanded them to engage in this frightful practice, as well as those who drilled them, at home and in Japan, not one of those so mentioned ever came forward and said it was a lie; and reporters were strictly forbidded to interrogate these men, under penalty of being sent home if they kept on trying.

---If an individual says he will commit a crime, and is known to have set on foot extensive preparations for the same; and if there is thereafter found to be convincing evidence that said crime actually was committed (such as the seven famous scientists from neutral countries gathered in north Korea), then loud outcries from the person known to advocate the commission of the outrage, is not commonly accepted as evidence.

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"The Chinese Communists are a palooka outfit incapable of taking on the United States if we fight the kind of war we are capable of." -- General Mark Clark.
(Truman wanted to appoint him ambassador to the Vatican.)

The Americans used to call the Koreans "gooks". After some experience, they got over this braggadocio.

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Light on the Formosa Question:

Feb. 11th, Pacific Tribune (Vancouver, labor) published a valuable sketch of the history of the island, which, on a clear day, can be seen from the coast of Fukien province. Formosa ("Beautiful Island", named by Portugese navigators) has rich soil and good mineral resources. Ninety-five percent of the population are Chinese. A native of China led the first permanent immigrants thither early in the ninth century.

A regular Chinese administration, subordinated tc one of the counties of Fukien province, already existed on the Pescadores in the 16th century.

The Spanish came down from the Philippines in 1626, and were driven out by the Dutch in 1642. A peasant revolt broke out, and a Chinese national hero forced the Dutch to surrender and evacuate in 1662. In 1885, the island became a Chinese province in its own right.

The corrupt and incompetent Manchus could not defend Taiwan, and in the eighteen fifties American traders, officers, and diplomats campaigned for its annexation to the United States. Their actions ranged from the temporary hoisting of the U.S. flag over Kaohsiung, to a big naval landing. "In 1874, the Japanese, with U.S. backing, launched an unsuccessful invasion."

After the first Sino-Japanese war of 1894-5, the Chinese foreign minister signed Taiwan over to Japan, whose natives crowded into the island: result, more than twenty popular revolts between 1895 and 1945. Guerrilla forces were organized in 1945.

In Taiwan, the slogan of the Resistance was always reunion of Taiwan with China. For this aim, in the half-century of Japanese domination, an estimated 500,000 people on the island gave their lives.

The Cairo Declaration of Dec. 1, 1943, signed by the U.S., Britain and China, declared: All the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria, Formosa, and the Pescadores should be returned to China.

Japan surrendered, and the Kuomintang, then still in power in China, moved in and took possession of "90 percent of the agriculture and industry" (Business Week, 1947). The rapacity and corruption of Chiang's followers drove the natives to a revolt. By means of the rankest treachery, it was put down and massacre followed:

"In the next five days more than a thousand Taiwanese in the Keelung Taipeh area alone were massacred. Bodies floated thick in Keelung harbour and in the river which flows by Taipeh. Twenty young men were castrated, their ears cut off, and their noses slashed ....."

In 1949 Chiang was forced off the mainland. The islanders were not strong enough to refuse to accept him and his defeated armies. But (Jan. 1950) Truman declared.

"The United States has no ..... intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation. The United States will not pursue a course which will lead in involvement in the civil conflict in China."

Chiang established himself as dictator on Taiwan, under the protection of the U.S. fleet. He farmed out many of its resources to the U.S. interests. Westinghouse International today operates the 3 million h.p. hydroelectric development on Sun-Moon Lake built by the Japanese. A group of U.S. chemical companies monopolizes the production and sale of artificial fertilizers on Taiwan.

Li Tsung-jen, once a leading member of Chiang's group, said (Dec. 1951):"Chiang is repeating ..... exactly what he did on the mainland ..... Corruption and graft are now practiced on a smaller scale simply because the territory under Chiang's control is now much smaller."

The foregoing shows why, as Anthony Eden says, "Formosa in this whole century has never been a part of China." U.S. takes the attitude that since Chiang was in power when Japan surrendered, and hence took over Taiwan, he is still entitled to control of Taiwan. This is precisely as if U.S. were to set up someone of the Romanoff tribe on land closely

contiguous to Russis, arm him, recognize him as legal head of territory which properly belongs to the new Russia, and actually take part in the usurper's marauding expeditions against the legal government of Russia.

Chiang has been engaged in a blockade of the coast of China, sinking Chinese and British shipping, aided by U.S. planes which did the scouting and told the (U.S donation) Chiang planes where to strike. Such blockading is acknowledged by U.S. naval men to be an act of war.

Eden, however, maintains that, in order to have peace (i.e., no war that would seriously threaten U.S. and Britain), China should consent to the present situation on the Taiwan and the Pescadores - something that no sovereign country could consent to do. This sacrifice is asked of China - but what does Eden propose the United States should give up?

Furthermore, the Tachen islands becoming impossible of defense, U.S. has removed some 4,000 guerrillas from that position which is eighteen miles off China, and they were transported to Quemoy and the Matsus, practically within wading distance of the mainland. A peculiar way of surrendering an untenable position; but U.S. naval power has forced temporary Chinese acquiescence.

Chiang announces that now is the time to put him on the mainland. In the present dangerous situation, and in support of his determination in this course, it would it would not be strange if an "incident" were forced by him: for instance, he might blow up a U.S. ship ("remember the Maine!") To this day and in spite of the public confessions of Rhee and his foreign minister, Ben C. Limb, that war in Korea started in the south, U.S. reaction shamelessly continues to carry on its false propaganda that it was the north that struck first. For example, Ray Tucker (columnist for Samuel McClure, the former supporter of Mussolini) in San Mateo Times, Feb. 10th, mentions the proclamation of Truman and Acheson - referred to above - and says:

"But when this invitation led to the North Korean Communists' attack on South Korea six months later, Truman committed the U.S. to a 'police action' which resulted in a major conflict ....."

-- The cowardice of U.S. "liberals", who feared to take advantage of the confessions of Rhee and Limb and to this day never mention this complete refutation of the Truman lies, is much to blame for the fact that U.S. fascism continues to peddle them thus blatantly.

The press quoted Chiang as saying that not a single person would be permitted to remain on the Tachens: (reporters stated that a number of invalids and so on wanted to remain.) Later (Feb.16, A.P.), "Nationalist officials said not a single man, woman or child chose to stay behind.

The same Feb. 16th dispatch, quotes the Communists as charging that U.S. Marines killed and kidnapped the inhabitants of the Tachens and reduced the islands to ruins by applying the scorched earth policy.

An act of war.

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The Protestant church has joined the Social Democratic Party and the unions in their fight against the Paris treaties and remilitarization and for the reunification of Germany by an East-West agreement. Before the debate of Dec. 15th, 75 Protestant church leaders and theologians sent a letter to the deputies asking them to oppose German rearmament in obedience to "their Christian conscience."

Though London and Washington insist on West German remilitarization and are determined to force it upon the country with the aid of Adenauer, the will for unity of the German people is not weakened. It is, indeed, strengthened by the danger of a civil war between an armed West Germany and an armed East Germany.

All these voices, added to the prospect of a West German army which may one day be forced by the people's will to join with Russia for the sake of the reunification of Germany, represent so many warnings from Germany. Together they spell "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin" for the State Department and for the whole Western world.

--- Carolus in the Nation.

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